

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, : 21cr726 (DLC)
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-v- : ORDER
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EDUAR VIDAL, :
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Defendant. :
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DENISE COTE, District Judge:

On December 7, 2021, the trial in this case was set to begin on May 31, 2022. The Southern District of New York has reconfigured courtrooms and other spaces in its courthouses to allow criminal jury trials to proceed as safely as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 3, 2022, the Clerk's Office notified district judges of the dates on which jury selection could commence during the months of April through June 2022 in the reconfigured spaces. Accordingly, the parties are hereby

NOTIFIED that the trial in this action will commence with jury selection on **June 13, 2022**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any Voir Dire requests, Requests to Charge, motions in limine, and trial memoranda are due by **May 6, 2022**. Any opposition shall be filed by **May 13**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a final pretrial conference will occur on **May 25, 2022** at **10:00 AM** in Courtroom 18B, 500 Pearl Street.

The Court's Individual Rules of Trial Practice in Criminal Cases are enclosed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following procedures shall govern the conduct of the trial. The parties shall ensure that all trial participants comply with the Southern District of New York's Tenth Amended Standing Order entitled In re Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic (M-10-468), entered December 22, 2021, and other SDNY COVID-19-related orders that govern entry into and behavior within SDNY courthouses. These materials may be found at: <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all individuals must practice social distancing at all times in the courthouse. Individuals also must wear an N95, KN95, KN94 face mask that covers the person's nose and mouth at all times in the courthouse unless the Court authorizes their removal. Surgical masks, cloth masks, bandannas, gaiters, and masks with valves are not permitted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties are responsible for informing themselves of any modifications to SDNY COVID-19-related rules and procedures and adhering to all current rules and procedures for the duration of the trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are responsible for bringing these procedures to the attention of their witnesses and any other persons they expect to attend the trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall attempt to have documents to be used at trial, including trial exhibits, in electronic form. Due to the pandemic, counsel should make every effort to avoid the exchange of documents in paper form during the trial. Therefore, exhibits should be pre-marked and assembled sequentially in a digital folder labelled with the exhibit numbers for ready reference and be ready to be distributed digitally to the Court, counsel, and witnesses during the trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if counsel intends to present digital evidence via the courtroom's audiovisual systems during trial, counsel shall call this Court's Chambers to schedule a time to come to the courthouse in advance of trial to prepare for presentation of digital evidence with the assistance of the courthouse's IT Department.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel should make certain that they have custody of all original exhibits. The Court does not retain them, and the Clerk is not responsible for them.

Counsel are advised that this Court's Revised Standing Order M10-468 of February 26, 2014 prohibits all personal electronic devices and general purpose computing devices except

by written permission of the presiding judge. Counsel are further advised that such devices may not be connected to the Court's computer network under any circumstances. Accordingly,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by **May 20, 2022**, counsel shall fill out the attached form and send it to this Court's Chambers email inbox at Cotenysdchambers@nysd.uscourts.gov to request permission to bring any personal electronic devices or general purpose computing devices into the courthouse.

Dated: New York, New York
 March 4, 2022


DENISE COTE
United States District Judge